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1. Almost all members of the Polish colony in Sao Paulo registered at the Polish Consulate prior to 1939. Since that date, contacts between the Consulate and the Polish colony have decreased steadily, while clandestine activity by Communist agents has increased. Of the estimated 10,000 persons of Polish descent living in Sao Paulo, 3,000 are refugees who have immigrated since 1939. Since Poland has traditionally granted citizenship without requiring a change in nationality, it is customary to distinguish between Polish citizens of Polish, Jewish, Russian, or other nationality, and it is possible to subdivide the Sao Paulo colony into nationalities, as follows:

	<u>Jews</u>	<u>Poles</u>	<u>Other Nationalities</u>
In Brazil before 1939	50%	25%	25%
Refugees arriving after 1939	75%	15%	10%

Jews: The Jewish group which was established prior to 1939 has become important in the business and industrial field and has become increasingly susceptible to Communist influence. Its members retain close contact with Israel. Recent Jewish immigrants are refugees who have assumed no definite political attitude.

Poles: The early Polish immigrant group, almost entirely Catholic, has paid little heed to the Communist doctrine, despite special efforts by the Warsaw Polish Government to recruit agents from among them. Poles who have arrived in Brazil since 1939 are political refugees who fought both Fascism and Communism and have pledged their allegiance to the London Polish Government.

Minorities: The minority group, which includes Lithuanian, Ukrainian, and Russian nationals, were susceptible to Communism when they first arrived, but are now showing a definite resistance to its teachings.

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The majority of recent emigrants are violently anti-Communist.

2. The social life of the Polish Colony is centered around the church of Nossa Senhora Auxiliadora no Bom Retiro which is directed by Fathers Antoni Latka and Jan Kasprzyk.<sup>1</sup>
3. The Jozef Pilsudski Society<sup>2</sup> of about 150 members, which was founded some fifty years ago, still maintains its character as the representative of the laboring class. Although the majority of its directors are anti-Communist, its activities do not evidence this fact. The following are officers in this Society:

Stanislaw Hamulinski, president  
 Tadeusz Henryk Mirgalowski, vice-president  
 Stanislaw Hessel  
 Stanislaw Duda  
 Edward MacKiewicz  
 (fnu) Fedorow

4. The Uniao Cultural dos Polonezes no Brazil (Polish Cultural Union of Brazil), the only national Polish organization in Brazil, works for the defeat of Communism and the liberation of Poland. The Sao Paulo branch has 150 members and the following officers:

Roman Bielinski  
 Leszek Bilyk  
 Wlodimierz Scipio del Campo  
 Jan Kasprzyk  
 Ludwik Mroz  
 Wacław Srednicki  
 Wlodzimierz Boleslaw Tucholski<sup>2</sup>  
 Gustaw Zalecki

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